

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application. Previously, the Applicants amended Claims 1, 6-8, 15 and 20-21. In the present preliminary amendment, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. Support for the amended claims can be found in the original specification at line 2 on page 15 to line 5 on page 17. No other claims have been canceled, amended or added in this preliminary amendment. Accordingly, Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Previously, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,454,024 to Lebowitz in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,675,371 to Barringer. The Applicants respectfully disagree and assert that the cited combination does not teach or suggest each and every element of amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15.

The Examiner recognizes that Lebowitz does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless link of diminished bandwidth insufficient to provide commercially-acceptable quality of service standards for voice communication. To teach such a wireless link, the Examiner cites Barringer. (*See Examiner's Final Action*, pages 2-3.) Barringer, however, does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless link of diminished bandwidth over a wireless voice network (capable of voice communication) to a wireless central monitoring station with a local transceiver, wherein the wireless link has a bandwidth insufficient to provide commercially-acceptable quality of service standards for voice communication as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. On the contrary, Barringer transmits data via Cellemetry

Modems over the control channels of an AMPS. The control channels of an AMPS are not for voice communication but are for the transmission of a Mobile Identification Number (MIN) or an Electronic Serial Number (ESN). Instead of voice communications, the control channels are used to instruct subscribers to tune to voice channels for a voice communication. (See column 4, lines 4-18.) In fact, the Cellemetry modems are incapable of voice communications since the voice processing parts have been removed therefrom. (See column 4, lines 28-30.) Barringer, therefore, does not transmit data over a wireless voice network capable of voice communication. Thus, Barringer does not teach establishing a wireless link of diminished bandwidth over a wireless voice network as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15.

Lebowitz and Barringer, therefore, individually or in combination, fail to teach or suggest establishing a wireless link of diminished bandwidth over a wireless voice network to a central monitoring station wherein the wireless link is insufficient to provide commercially-acceptable quality of service standards for voice communication as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. Thus, the cited combination of Lebowitz and Barringer does not provide a *prima facie* case of obviousness for amended Claims 1, 8 and 15 and Claims dependent thereon. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 are not unpatentable in view of Lebowitz and Barringer and the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and issue allowance thereof.

II. Rejection of Claims 2, 9 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Previously, the Examiner rejected Claims 2, 9 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lebowitz and Barringer in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,422,626 to Fish. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As discussed above, the cited combination of Lebowitz and Barringer does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless link of diminished bandwidth over a wireless voice network to a central monitoring station wherein the wireless link is insufficient to provide commercially-acceptable quality of service standards for voice communication as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. Fish has not been cited to teach such a wireless link but to teach a local transceiver and a wireless monitoring station that exchange data in bursts. (Examiner's Final Action, page 4). Thus, the cited combination of Lebowitz, Barringer and Fish does not teach or suggest a wireless link of diminished bandwidth over a wireless voice network to a central monitoring station wherein the wireless link is insufficient to provide commercially-acceptable quality of service standards for voice communication as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. Therefore, the cited combination does not provide a *prima facie* of obviousness of Claims 1, 8 and 15 and Claims dependent thereon. Accordingly, Claims 2, 9 and 16 are not unpatentable based on Lebowitz, Barringer and Fish as cited and the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and issue allowance thereof.

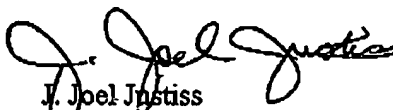
IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-21.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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